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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

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The reason I urge you to approve this settlement is the importance of Microsoft to this country's economy. The "economic slowdown" we are experiencing can be partially traced to the indictment against Microsoft. The day of the indictment, the stock markets plummeted.

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